

American Indian Federal Employees' Council

Meeting Minutes

March 03, 2005

Officers: Joseph Gray, Chair, NPS
Crystal Wallace, Vice-Chair, USDA/NITC
Tom Beaver, 2d Vice-Chair, DOE
Robin K. Hatfield, Secretary, FDA

In Attendance: Members and Guests (see end of report)

Where: USDA Facility
6501 Beacon Drive
Kansas City, MO

Opening and Minutes:

Joseph Gray called the meeting to order. Introductions were made all around.

Order of Meeting:

Meeting Minutes

The minutes for both the January and February 2005 meetings have been tabled. The Council will establish what number of attendees (quorum) is necessary to pass the minutes. If necessary, the Bylaws will be amended to reflect this change.

Virginia Eaves of the American Indian Heartland Cancer Network spoke to the Council about her work. She works with the state and the tribes arranging screenings for various types of cancer. She also works with the American Cancer Society. Virginia then distributed informational folders that are provided by the Minority Cancer Awareness Coalition and the Kansas City health Commission's Minority health Committee.

Lunch and Learn The Council will need to develop a budget for the next Lunch and Learn. Ideas for a more cost effective program were solicited from members. Some suggestions were a "Brunch and Learn" and a program consisting of an open forum where attendees can ask questions.

Solicitation Joe Gray needs summaries of how each of the agencies represented in the AIFEC interact with tribes, communities and citizens. This information needs to be submitted by the end of April. Joe's e-mail address is Joseph_Gray@nps.gov.

American Indian Parent Committee The Kansas City, MO school district has submitted the paperwork for Title VII funding.

Health Fair The proposed health fair is still planned for the fall. Nancy Rios has much of the needed information. Volunteers were solicited to participate.

Council Donations The Center for Medicare/ Medicaid (AIFEC SEPM is Nancy Rios) donated two boxes of toys to the American Indian community.

Professional Clothing Drive It was proposed that the AIFEC work with the American Indian Council to collect professional clothing for those attempting to enter the professional workforce. This would be similar to a program in place at the Women's Employment Network.

Member Attendees:

Bowman, Karen	FMS
Day, Linda	USPS
Gray, Joseph	NPS
Hatfield, Robin K.	FDA
Hubbard, Secody	EPA
Ladage, Brenda	GSA
Lawhead, Neil	DHHS
Pippenger, Ruby	NOAA
Schappe, Cindy	SSA
Schuckman, Olivia	USDA
Thierolf, Les	DHHS
Vandall, Michelle	FAA

Guests:

Eaves, Virginia	American Indian Heartland Cancer Network
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Absent:

Bays, Sheila	DHS/USCIS	Marquez, Pascual G.	USDOJ
Beaver, Tom	DOE	Mason, Pinkie (alt.)	GSA
Bent, Stewart	SSA	May, Mary E.	USDA
Brown, Michael (RN, MS)	DHHS	Moynihan, Jana	HHS/OCR
Brown, Paul	IRS	Rios, Nancy	CMS
Coleman, Glenna	SBA	Sanders, Karen	BOP
Dye, Leslie D	FOH	Scott, Dale	DHHS
Egan, Sheila (ret.)	FDA	Smith, Robin	USAF
Fabela, Beverly	SSA	Stivers, Gary	OIG
Farley, Dohn	DFAS	Stone, Donna	USDA-FSA
Gibbons, Vickie	FAA	Vaca, Ralph (alt.)	IRS
Grooms, Leland	EPA	Wallace, Crystal	NITC-USDA
Hogan, Carol	FAA	Watkins, Brenda S.	INS (ALT)
James, Jesse	NOAA	Whitcomb, Bill	DOJ (ALT)
Jones, Tina	USMC	Wendt, H. Elizabeth	EPA (ALT)
Kelley, Cynthia	COE	Womack, Rita	ATF
Littlejohn, John	HUD		